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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT PARA 3)

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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL ARMS CONTROL ISSUES AND PROCEDURES -
SWEDISH VIEWS

1. SUMMARY: IN A CONVERSATION WITH HEAD OF SWEDISH DELEGATION,
MRS. THORSSON, US CCD AMBASSADOR AND ALTERNATE REP DISCUSSED US
VIEW OF "ADEQUATE VERIFICATION" AND ALTERNATIVE SUGGESTIONS FOR
ADDING NEW CCD SESSIONS BETWEEN SEPTEMBER OPENING OF UN SPECIAL
SESSION ON DISARMAMENT IN ORDER TO ENHANCE CHANCES OF ACHIEVING
AGREEMENTS ON CTB AND CW BY THAT TIME. ACTION REQUESTED: (1) GUIDANCE
ON SUGGESTIONS IN PARA 3 FOR POSSIBLE WAYS OF EXTENDING CCD
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SESSIONS BETWEEN NOW AND SPRING OF 1978; (2) ACDA PLEASE POUCH
RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL MATERIALS RE DERWINSKI AMENDMENT CONCERNING
VERIFICATION OF ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS.

2. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH US CCD REP FISHER AND ALTERNATE
REP FLOWERREE JULY 6, SWEDISH UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE AND LEADER
OF SWEDISH CCD DEL, INGA THORSSON, ELABORATED VIEWS SHE HAD EXPRESS-

ED IN OPENING STATEMENT AT CCD PREVIOUS DAY. HER MAJOR FOCUS WAS ON THE NEED FOR EARLY MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON A CTB CONVENTION.

3. AMB THORSSON EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT NEXT YEAR'S UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT MIGHT RESULT IN SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE IN STRUCTURE OF CCD AND EVEN ITS REPLACEMENT BY A MUCH MORE UNWIELDLY BODY UNLESS SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS WAS MADE BETWEEN NOW AND MAY 1978. SHE REMARKED POINTEDLY THAT WORLD HAD CHANGED SINCE THE EARLY 1960'S AND THAT MANY NEW NATIONS WHO WERE NOW MORE SELF-ASSURED WERE IMPATIENT WITH THE PAST PRACTICE OF WAITING FOR THE SUPERPOWERS TO PRESENT THEM WITH AGREEMENTS. AS A MEANS OF SPEEDING UP PROGRESS ON A CTB AGREEMENT, SHE SUGGESTED THAT A WORKING GROUP OF CCD MIGHT CONVENE IN NEW YORK WHILE UN IS IN SESSION. HAMILTON, SWEDISH CCD DEPUTY REP, EXPRESSED VIEW THAT OTHER ALTERNATIVE MIGHT BE TO PLACE DISARMAMENT EARLY ON AGENDA IN FIRST

COMMITTEE AND HAVE RESUMED SESSION OF CCD IN FALL. FISHER REPLIED HE HAD NOT THOUGHT THE MATTER THROUGH BUT WAS FAVORABLY IMPRESSED BY IDEA OF LENGTHENING CCD SESSIONS AND WOULD REPORT TO DEPARTMENT, AGREEING THAT RECESS FROM END OF AUGUST TO THE MIDDLE OF FEBRUARY WAS TOO LONG IN VIEW OF THE CURRENT POSTURE OF CCD. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT IN ANY EVENT SPRING SESSION MIGHT BEGIN MID-JANUARY.

4. IN ANSWER TO QUESTION RE US DEFINITION OF "ADEQUATE VERIFICATION" CONFIDENTIAL

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RAISED BY THORSSON DURING HER OPENING STATEMENT, FISHER RECOUNTED SOME

OF HISTORY OF DERWINSKI AMENDMENT TO ACDA APPROPRIATION BILL ON VERIFICATION ASPECTS OF ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENTS AND EXPLAINED SIGNIFICANCE OF ADJECTIVE "ADEQUATE". HE SAID THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER VERIFICATION WAS ADEQUATE IN EACH INSTANCE WOULD RESULT FROM WEIGHING THE TRADE-OFFS BETWEEN THE POSSIBLE DANGERS OF IMPERFECT VERIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS (VERIFICATION NEVER PROVIDES ONE HUNDRED PERCENT ASSURANCE IN ANY CASE) AND THE BENEFITS OF THE ARMS CONTROL MEASURE UNDER CONSIDERATION. FISHER ALSO PROMISED TO PROVIDE

SWEDISH DELEGATION WITH FURTHER INFORMATION ON BACKGROUND OF DERWINSKI AMENDMENT BOTH TO CLARIFY US VIEWS ON VERIFICATION AND AS AN INDICATION OF CURRENT MOOD OF CONGRESS. (ACTION REQUESTED: ACDA PLEASE POUCH RELEVANT CONGRESSIONAL MATERIALS RELATING TO DERWINSKI AMENDMENT).

5. ON CW, SWEDES ALSO DISPLAYED INTEREST IN EARLY MOVEMENT IN CCE, BUT SOMEWHAT SURPRISINGLY THORSSON EXPRESSED VIEW THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF AGREEMENT ON CW WOULD BE MORE DIFFICULT THAN ON A CTB. SHE BASED THIS VIEW ON THE FACT THAT A RAPIDLY EXPANDING WORLD

CHEMICAL INDUSTRY PRESENTED AN EXTREMELY DIFFICULT VERIFICATION
PROBLEM, ESPECIALLY IF ALL POTENTIALLY LETHAL AGENTS ARE TO BE
BANNED FOR MILITARY USE.SORENSEN

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